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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the compulsory school attendance age,
2 a driver's license penalty for failure to attend, and
3 school district dropout prevention measures, and including
4 effective date provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 299.1A, Code 2011, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **299.1A Compulsory attendance age.**

4 A child who has reached the age of six and is under ~~sixteen~~
5 eighteen years of age by September 15 is of compulsory
6 attendance age. However, if a child enrolled in a school
7 district or accredited nonpublic school reaches the age of
8 ~~sixteen~~ eighteen on or after September 15, the child remains of
9 compulsory age until the end of the regular school calendar.

10 Sec. 2. Section 299.1B, Code 2011, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **299.1B Failure to attend — driver's license.**

13 A person who is of compulsory attendance age, is not exempt
14 under section 299.2, and does not attend a public school, an
15 accredited nonpublic school, competent private instruction in
16 accordance with the provisions of chapter 299A, an alternative
17 school, or adult education classes shall not receive an
18 intermediate or full driver's license until age eighteen. If
19 the person reaches the age of eighteen on or after September
20 15, the person shall not receive a restricted or a full
21 driver's license until the end of the regular school calendar.

22 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **299.14 School district dropout**
23 **prevention measures.**

24 1. The board of directors of each school district shall
25 take every opportunity to prevent students from dropping out of
26 school. Actions which a school district may take to prevent
27 students from dropping out of school include but are not
28 limited to general education interventions, alternative program
29 placement, alternative school placement, provision of support
30 and supplemental services, individual and family intervention
31 or therapy, truancy mediation, and coordination with other
32 student support services.

33 2. The board of directors of each school district shall make
34 every effort to align and maximize funding streams that may be
35 used to support students who have the potential to drop out of

1 school.

2 Sec. 4. Section 299A.8, Code 2011, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **299A.8 Dual enrollment.**

5 If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child who is
6 receiving competent private instruction under this chapter ~~or a~~
7 ~~child over compulsory age who is receiving private instruction~~
8 submits a request, the child shall also be registered in a
9 public school for dual enrollment purposes. If the child
10 is enrolled in a public school district for dual enrollment
11 purposes, the child shall be permitted to participate in any
12 academic activities in the district and shall also be permitted
13 to participate on the same basis as public school children in
14 any extracurricular activities available to children in the
15 child's grade or group, and the parent, guardian, or legal
16 custodian shall not be required to pay the costs of any annual
17 evaluation under this chapter. If the child is enrolled for
18 dual enrollment purposes, the child shall be included in the
19 public school's basic enrollment under section 257.6. A pupil
20 who is participating only in extracurricular activities shall
21 be counted under section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
22 subparagraph (6). A pupil enrolled in grades nine through
23 twelve under this section shall be counted in the same manner
24 as a shared-time pupil under section 257.6, subsection 1,
25 paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).

26 Sec. 5. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
27 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
28 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
29 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
30 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
31 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
32 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section
33 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall
34 be necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
35 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

